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50th Earth Day Celebration: A Beargrass Teach-In Postponed

Activities to be Held in Late September or Early October

Louisville — Updated 4:00 PM, 19 March 2020 — 50th Earth Day Celebration: A Beargrass Teach-In, originally scheduled for April 22nd at the Community Boathouse in Louisville's Waterfront Park, is postponed until late September or early October, to protect the health of participants. Meanwhile, local organizers plan digital and family-based activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Salt River Watershed Watch steering committee members join with Mayor Fischer, Governor Beshear, and the Department of Health in urging all Kentuckians to practice social distancing during this time of uncertainty. For current recommendations regarding how to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, visit kycovid19.ky.gov.

Instead of a community gathering to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, the Salt River Watershed Watch plans virtual events during the spring, including activities that celebrate nature and teach small steps we can all take to protect the health of Kentucky's waterways. Look for information about locally-focused activities at www.srww.org and on [Facebook](#). For more information about the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and global organizers' shift to a "Digital Earth Day," visit earthday.org.

The Salt River Watershed Watch is a group of citizen scientists who monitor streams and rivers of the region, including Beargrass Creek. Water quality data collected by the group are available on the Watershed Watch Data Portal, maintained by the Kentucky Geological Survey (kgs.uky.edu/wwky).

September or October Beargrass Teach-In Details

When: A date TBA in late September or early October, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM *

Where: Community Boathouse, Louisville Waterfront Park

1321 River Road, Louisville

*Precedes Waterfront Wednesday

Activities:

- Guided paddle on the lower reaches of Beargrass Creek, organized by River City Paddle Sports. Seats are available on four voyageur canoes (10 paddlers each) or bring your own canoe or kayak. Participants will learn about the history and current conditions of Beargrass Creek. Guides will be testing the water quality along the way, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, reservations required (see below).
- Self-guided Walking Tour exploring the lower reaches of Beargrass Creek, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, free.
- Public gathering and teach-in celebrating Beargrass Creek: Guest speakers, music by John Gage, and up to 20 local community organizations, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, free.

Help us celebrate the restoration of our urban waterways and citizen science!

For more information on the event or to make reservations:

www.srww.org (click on the “Events” tab)

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